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Positive Proof of Survival
. . . . AND . . . .
Under Strict Test Conditions

The picture above, received at Chesterfield Spiritualist Camp, last August, through the mediumship of JOHN MYERS, New York City, is one more link in the chain of positive proof of personal conscious survival. Those who remember ETTA S. BLEDSOE will be quick to recognize her (upper left) in a pose and profile which has not as yet been duplicated by any existing earth picture. For detailed account of the test conditions under which this picture was received, read Mrs. Pressing's article below.

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Myers Does It Again!

MID-WEST SPIRITUALISTS WITNESS RARE PSYCHIC PHOTOGRAPHY AT CAMP CHESTERFIELD

By Juliette Ewing Pressing

"I seek the truth everywhere and respect it whenever I find it, and submit to it whenever it is shown to me."
—Frederick The Great.

Committee vouches for authenticity of phenomena produced through English medium.

At Camp Chesterfield, Chesterfield, Indiana, Saturday evening, August 12st, I was privileged to witness and participate in a demonstration of psychic photography, given through the mediumship of *John Myers* of New York City.

I do not know how spirit extras and symbols appear on plates and sensitized photographic papers. I do know I have had sufficient evidence and proof of the survival of personal consciousness — of those who have "died"—to know that we are spirits here and now — clothed in material bodies to fulfill our part in the great plan of life. I DO KNOW THE DEAD LIVE!

Pays Own Expenses

I trust the following facts will add a bit more to the overwhelming mass of evidence which has accumulated to substantiate the fact that the living dead communicate with us while we are yet upon this earth.

The medium, *John Myers*, is a well-to-do business man of New York. He defrays his own expenses whenever he gives psychic demonstrations; furthermore, he also donates the entire admission proceeds to the camp, society or church he serves.

Myers asked *Mable Riffle*, secretary of Camp Chesterfield, to purchase the plates and papers to be used for the demonstration. Anderson, Indiana shops did not carry the proper materials. Mrs. Riffle wrote Mr. Pressing to get the supplies. He went to *F. C. Adams*, photographic supply store in Buffalo, N. Y., where he purchased a portion of the required material. This package was wrapped and sealed by the salesman who initialed it.

Postmaster's Seal

The commercial plates were out-of-stock and had to be ordered direct from the Eastman Kodak Company at Rochester, N. Y. The package was sent registered mail direct to Mr. Pressing at Lily Dale, N. Y.

The two sealed packages, one from Adams and one from Eastmans, were placed in one box—sealed, dated and signed by *Arthur Myers*, Lily Dale postmaster. This box was then mailed to me at Camp Chesterfield, Indiana.

Upon my arrival, I took the parcel to my room, where it remained unopened (the seal intact) until the night of the demonstration.

Committee Selected

From a crowded auditorium, two gentlemen were selected at random to form a committee with me to attest to the conditions under which Myers would be subjected.

I was included in this committee because the box and material had been in my possession. The men were *Rev. John Hammett*, Jr., 1328 Scott St., Covington, Kentucky, a Baptist minister and *Dr. Richard A. Chesrow*, 217 St. Louis Ave., Chicago, Illinois, a dentist.

A dark room with red light is necessary for the development so

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He Came - He Talked - He Left

An Unusual Experience of Spirit Responsiveness

The spirit of souls can contact each other, whether in or out of the body; true Spiritualism is simply the recognition of this harmony of continued existence.

Properly understood, it can be as a beautiful symphony played by a talented musician; otherwise, it may become a discordant jangle.

We have need of such responsiveness in these tragic times.

By BROWN LANDONE

There are experiences of the soul that are so normal even though seemingly mysterious, that their very normality is more amazing than most of the fantastic experiences of which we read. *Such is the nature of the following experience.*

It was the night of last August 10th, or rather 3:30 early morning of the 11th. I was in my study—having just come from my *Prayer Room;* I was working at my desk, sorting memos and manuscripts to have them ready for the office workers who come in the morning at 8:30.

Picture In Your Mind!

I was intending to retire, but had stopped to look out the large window that looks from my desk to the lawn and the lake a 100 feet away. The lake was then dimly lighted by the sheen of the moon in its last quarter.

To understand the details of what then happened—of Gord's coming and of the knock and the mystery of his leaving across the lake without a boat — it is wise that I give you a brief description of my study, the main hall of my home, and some other details.

Lake Side Important

My study is long with windows at one end toward the street, and a large plate glass window at the other end toward the lake. The main hall is parallel to my study. There is a door at each end of my study into this hall. At one end of that hall, there is an outside entrance door toward the street; at the other end, there is another large door that opens to the two-storied colonial porch facing the lake.

Knew By the Light

There is a gong at the front door; but there is *no* knocker and *no* bell at the lake door.

No one comes to the lake door at night, unless by particular intention. To reach it from the street, one must walk even out beyond the garages to get around the house. But often before war, a few young men attending college across the lake, would row over in a boat and come to the lake door.

There are four blue fluorescent lights outside on the high ceiling of the porch. The lights themselves are hidden as seen from the lake, yet they throw a soft blue glow over the lawn and out to the lake and the reflected glow can be seen across the lake.

Before the war, boys at college —well acquainted with me—knew that *when* those lights were on, I was still up—whether three or five o'clock in the morning. We had arranged a sort of secret knock—three soft raps, then a louder one.

Pietro's Signs

It was, as I have said, about 3:30 of the morning of August 11, when I heard that knock again. It was a thrill to hear it, for it made me think that some one of the boys must be home on furlough.

The knock was repeated; and my little fox terrier, *Pietro*, came rushing out of my bedroom — three rooms away—barking joyously, rushing to the door. Others may not understand Pietro's different barks, but I know when he barks with resentment (when another dog comes near the house) and I also know his peculiar joyous bark when some friend is arriving.

He Was Joyous!

Before I could get to the door, he had bounced past me, rushed to the lake side door, barking joyously, wanting me to open it.

When I did so, *there stood Gord in his uniform.* It was a surprise; I had thought he was in France—for I had had a V-mail letter from him only two weeks before, telling me he had been sent across from England, to Normandy on June 13th.

It was a joyous surprise to see him look so fresh; so vitally healthy; his skin so rosy. *I had never seen him look so well! And he was joyous!*

Why Send HIM Back?

We advanced and looked in each other's eyes, searchingly and yet with happiness. At the moment, I assumed he had been sent back from France to recuperate from wounds or to rest from shock or exhaustion.

BUT as I looked at him, I could not help but wonder WHY he had been sent back. It did not seem that he had been wounded; there was no sign of nerve or mental shock; and he was joyously fresh and vital!

13 Days Ago

We came into my study. There did not seem to be anything unnatural about the actions of either of us. We took things for granted. It was like old times—sometimes talking lightly, but more often thinking of deeper things of life.

I gave him what news I had of our friends — boys in service — across the seas; and he told me of friends whom he had met again in the service.

Then I ask, "*And when did you get back?*"

He replied, "*Thirteen days ago.*"

"For the Duration"

This answer surprised and hurt a little—he had been in town thirteen days, and had not even called me on the phone. And when I chided him a little bit about his neglect, he gazed into my eyes with a look—that seemed to lift his soul out of this life into a greater realm—and said, "*I was not ready to come before. I had to get straightened out, first!*"

This made me wonder, if I had made a mistake in judging his condition to be normal—why were *thirteen days needed* to get ready to see me? His body seemed in perfect health, but perhaps he had suffered a mental shock.

"*How long is your furlough?*"

"*For the duration,*" he answered, "*I'm doing new work now; special study of a new phenomenon of radar; and I'm learning more in a day than I used to learn in a year!*"

Inquiry About Prayer

We talked of several other things; and then the subject changed again; and he asked, "*BL, I want to know HOW you pray,* that is, how do *you* pray differently from the usual praying, so that I *FEEL* you so near when you pray for me. I *felt* you near many times when I was in Ireland in early April and then in England. How do you pray so that I feel you near, and even sense that I *see* you.

"Several times I've checked hours you were praying for me as given in your letters; and they've checked exactly with times

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NOTED SPIRITUAL LEADER

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Food for the "Fed-Up"

In war or in peace, our objective must be sufficient enough to sustain energy. When lacking, should we find a new creed for ourselves . . . a new design for living? It follows we should, because in reality that is all creed embodies. Now turn to The Declaration of Principles.

THERE IS A ROAD *BUT* FEW HAVE FOUND IT

Survival is a law of nature and has nothing whatever to do with character

By ARTHUR FORD

A certain expression is heard all too often these days. It is a masterpiece of emotional diction . . . "I'm fed up." One hears it from sailors and soldiers on leave; from civilians of all types.

It expresses all the fatuous futility of living in a world that is literally shot to pieces, the boredom of energy expended to no purpose that is clear, the sheer stupidity of much that we had learned to think of as "Christian" civilization.

It sums up all the bitterness of a disillusioned generation. A generation that started out with high hopes of a better world, and lived to taste a witches brew of hate and greed, racial and religious prejudice, political chicanery and spiritual bankruptcy, all of which finally boiled over to scald the earth with the most beastly war in history.

War vs. Peace

It expresses a *state of mind* which *is the soldier's greatest enemy in war*, and the *civilian's most destructive enemy in times of peace*. Men and women who are "fed up" can neither fight nor live. This state of mind is far more dangerous in peace than in war, because the work that men must do in times of peace is far more complicated than in war.

In war, the immediate objective is clear, at any rate: *Kill your enemy before he kills you.* This plain objective, with the motive-power of self-protection behind it, is sufficient to sustain energy and keep a man on the job.

In times of peace, there is no such clear, immediate purpose, beyond the business of living and winning some of the pleasures of life . . . and they are apt to pall, become dull, or grow monotonous.

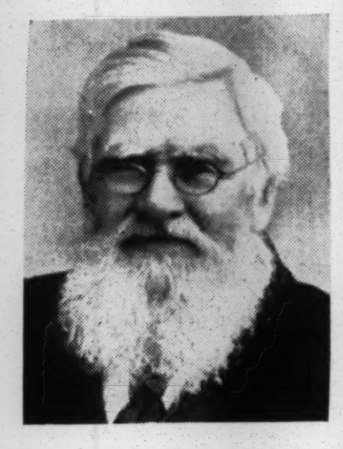
Must Find New Design

Many persons *are* "fed up." This situation is dangerous, and there is only one cure. Such persons must find a new meaning to life, a spiritual significance, an ultimate dignity. We must regain our vision of life's purpose, and set up a clear objective.

In other words, we must find for ourselves a new creed, or design for living, for that is all a creed really is. And this pattern of life must violate neither our highest instincts, nor the findings of the most advanced scientific thought of our day.

Yes, I know we are "fed up" with creeds. We have tried to believe so many neatly worded phrases. We had believed a lot of things that, in the end, seemed to fail us. *Why a creed?*

EXAMINE THE FACTS?



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ALFRED RUSSEL WALLACE, noted scientist and psychic researcher said: "No other science (psychic science) rests upon a larger body of ascertained facts."

Well, for one thing, all men have some sort of a creed which they act upon. It may not be the creed they profess, formally, as in church, but inevitably it is the creed they *believe* in.

Conscience—the Eye

Follow your conscience and you cannot go wrong is all popular cant and claptrap. Some of the most dastardly deeds in history were done by conscientious people. Their conscience was alright, but their pattern of belief was all wrong.

Your conscience is only an eye by which you see, and your creed is the light by which your conscience sees.

Very well, then, is it not possible, in a scientific age to formulate a creed that is based upon ascertained facts, rather than upon myth and legend, or upon the vain speculations of outmoded theologies?

Tell us something that you KNOW and we'll listen to you.

Does Spiritualism have a creed? Not in the usually accepted meaning of that term. But on the basis of ascertained facts Spiritualism has arrived at some very definite conclusions about the nature and destiny of the human soul; about God and man's relationship to Him.

Declaration of Principles

These conclusions are the obvious and inevitable deductions made from a study of psychic phenomena. They are buttressed and supported by the clear statements of those who have the right to speak with authority. That is: those who have entered into the world of spirit and then found it *possible to return* and tell us not only that they did not die, but also what they have *found to be true* about man's place in the divine scheme.

I do not believe that there exists, or could exist, a finer "*creed*" by which to live than the DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES, adopted by the *National Spiritualist Association.* I do not know who wrote it. Many men had a hand in it, I am sure. Long study of nature's laws and Divine Principle went into it. *But it "gets" us.* Many recognize the fact that our very soul responds to it. The Truth of our own being recognizes the Truth these declarations present so clearly. If one can lay hold of their inner meaning, and prove them, that one is well on the way to finding the great Reality.

A "Living Creed"

These principles assembled form a wonderful little document. It blazes with color, radiates romance, and stirs the blood like a battle cry. It only needs that we should wipe the dust of ages from our eyes, and see behind its short sharp sentences the light which gave it birth, and it becomes a *living* "creed" for *living* men.

It flings its challenge abruptly. It does not argue. It challenges an argument. It does not do your thinking for you, it calls on you to think. It should always be preceded by a fanfare of trumpets.

These, then, are the Declaration of Principles.

Article No. 1

"WE BELIEVE IN INFINITE INTELLIGENCE."

No limitation to our God! No tribal deity, *He!* No vague abstraction. He is all there is. There is nothing but God. God is spirit, *not a spirit.*

Spirit is substance, the great Reality from which there is no escape. Spirit is *Infinite Intelligence;* infinite in essence and in attributes.

"*The universe,*" says Jeans, the physicist, "*Can best be pictured as consisting of pure Thought. The thought of what, for want of a wider word, we must describe as a mathematical thinker.*"

Infinite Intelligence

A mathematical Thinker! Mathematics is the most exact of sciences, the purest of philosophies. Is it mere coincidence that in twenty-three of the world's leading languages the word God can best be translated as GOOD.

If God is all there is, then man is merely an individualized part of the whole. A vehicle through which Infinite Intelligence is brought into objective manifestation. Therefore, as a working hypothesis, from a practical standpoint, God is your own highest conception of Good.

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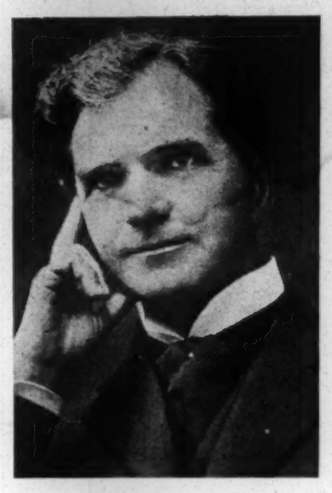

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For "out-of-print" books by Trine, see column four, page seven this issue of Psychic Observer.

Article No. 2

"WE BELIEVE THAT THE PHENOMENA OF NATURE, BOTH PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL ARE THE EXPRESSION OF INFINITE INTELLIGENCE."

Ours is an emanent God, actively, creatively at work in His universe every moment. God is continually becoming, and the universe is continually expressing Him. Every expression of man and nature is a revelation of Infinite Intelligence, God.

W. H. Evans says, "*The outbreathing of God animating the sea of unorganized matter causes it to tremble with a responsiveness which holds in it the promise of words to be. This divine breath takes form in the spoken word, is embodied in sun and star and wayside flower. It is the infinite language spoken, and each new day brings a new revelation of God to the universe. The outbreathing of God, which is supreme Order, Will and Law marshalls all into position amidst the celestial music of creation.*"

Each Contributes Something

Nearly all the great world religions speak of the Infinite in functional terms. The *Hindoo* thinks of God as Maker, Preserver and Transformer. The *Egyptian* as Horus, Isis, and the Child. The *Christian* as Father, Son and Word. *Swedenborg* as Truth, Wisdom and Love. *Andrew Jackson Davis* as Association, Progression and Development. To the *Spiritualist,* He is Spirit, Substance, the Permanent Reality, of which matter is but a vehicle of expression.

Article No. 3

"WE AFFIRM THAT A CORRECT UNDERSTANDING OF SUCH EXPRESSION AND LIVING IN ACCORDANCE THEREWITH CONSTITUTE TRUE RELIGION."

We live in a universe of law and order. Two and two make four, all the time and everywhere. Ask the universe the same question in the same way and it will always give you the same answer.

That the universe is intelligent is evidenced by the fact that wherever mind goes the universe answers mind as though mind had made it and so mind could understand it.

Bind Back To God

To place oneself in rhythmic harmony with the universe is to achieve the harmonious development of all one's inherent faculties of body, mind and spirit.

The correct definition of religion is, "*to bind oneself back to God.*" Thus it follows that to identify oneself with Infinite Intelligence in all Its manifestations is to be truly religious.

Article No. 4

"WE AFFIRM THAT THE EXISTENCE AND PERSONAL IDENTITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL CONTINUE AFTER THE CHANGE CALLED DEATH."

Millions now living, with every sort of cultural background testify on the basis of a personal experience to the fact of communication with the so-called dead. It has been proved to the hilt.

As *Alfred Russel Wallace* says, "*No other science rests upon a larger body of ascertained facts.*"

Where Burden of Proof Lies

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle after forty years of investigation wrote: "*The psychic movement comes forward with absolute proof of life after death, of the effect of this life upon the next, and of all the basic principles of Christianity.*"

Dr. James H. Hyslop writes, "*The burden of proof is not upon the one who says these things are true, rather it is upon the one who says they are not true.*"

We know what all the great World Teachers have known; that life is an unbroken stream of consciousness untouched by the mere fact of physical decay.

Article No. 5

"WE AFFIRM THAT COMMUNICATION WITH THE SO-CALLED DEAD IS A FACT, SCIENTIFICALLY PROVEN BY THE PHENOMENA OF SPIRITUALISM."

Sir Oliver Lodge after forty years of investigation was able to say, "*I tell you with all the strength of conviction that I can muster that we do persist. People who have passed through the vale still take an interest in what is going on here. That they still help us, and know far more about things than we do; and that they are able from time to time to communicate. I know this is a tremendous statement. But if a person has given forty years of his life to investigation he is entitled to state what results he has arrived at. I know the facts are as I have stated.*"

Magician Converted

Howard Thurston, the famous magician, after many years of stage tricks in a so-called imitation of Spiritualistic phenomena, was convinced by witnessing real spirit phenomena.

He wrote, "*My latest experiments convinced me against my will that we are approached by some unearthly force which seems trying to impart to us, or receive from us, some information. I ascertained the unmistakable presence of some definite influence. My conversion to Spiritualism is due to these manifestations.*"

Millions, not so well known say the same things. For a person without experience to say that communication between the two worlds

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The White Brotherhood and The Masters

A COMPLETE EXPLANATION OF THEIR WORK

Who they are. Where they dwell. Whether they are human or divine. Nature of their work. From whence they come and whither they go.

Few have attained spiritual mastership over the physical life.

We greet all brethren with the hand of goodwill and fellowship, and are happy that you have come to listen to our message; because the teaching and guidance of those who dwell beyond the veil of materialism is now so much needed to help the world.

We would have you think of us as a great brotherhood, who have traversed the self-same path that you now tread.

We have deep understanding for all human sorrow, and for this reason we are permitted to come back to endeavor to help the people of earth to open their consciousness to the glory of the life of spirit—to the beauty of the real life which God intended when He created Man in His own Image.

THIS IS THEIR SYMBOL

Complete explanation of this WHITE BROTHERHOOD symbol is published on this page.

The Oldest Symbol

First, we would speak of the *White Brotherhood*, now formed on earth. A group of men and women has been drawn together, not by any mental allegiance, not by any intellectual urge, but by their common humanity, by the spirit within them.

The Spirit, or God, or the Divine Man, is thus manifesting in human souls, and this Spirit is symbolized by the six pointed star.

Rays of spiritual power and love centralize upon this symbol if worn over the heart. The complete symbol of the Brotherhood is a Star at the center of a Cross.

The Cross is the oldest symbol known, and represents man as he stands, with feet together and head erect, feet upon the earth, his head in the heavens, and his arms stretched forth in service and in sacrifice.

Universal Circle

Yet when man begins to recognize the spirit of divinity within all men, his service to his brother man becomes no longer sacrifice, but joy. And so the Cross is a symbol of sacrifice, service and joy. And surrounding, enfolding the Cross, is the circle, the universal circle of light and love, the ancient astrological symbol of the sun.

The sun, or the spiritual counterpart of the sun, shines in the heart of the true brother, so that others walking along life's pathway may be lighted by the sunlight in the brother's heart.

With these simple words of explanation of the ideals and the symbols which guide the White Brotherhood, let us pass on to their practical work.

Divine Intelligence

The spirit of love, which has awakened in the heart, draws the individual into this group of service. Therefore, he endeavors to order his life under the guidance and mastership of that divinity within.

For he has learned that he, in common with all humanity, is a divine son of the Almighty, the dual Spirit, male and female, Father-Mother-God.

As a Son of God, he orders his life so that he may be continually receptive to the divine light, guiding his actions by illumining his mind with divine intelligence. The Brother meditates upon his true status in life, upon the wonders and glories of his creation, and of the universe in which he lives.

Mind in the Heart

Having realized that he is part of a universe of spiritual beauty and power and wisdom, he seeks to learn more of that greater wisdom beyond the mortal life, beyond the understanding of the earth mind. The Brother learns that there is a *mind in the heart* which some call the intuition; and the approaching Age will demonstrate to humanity that this sixth sense of man is stirring, is awakening.

Through this sixth sense will all life on earth be planned and ordered. The structure of all earthly life will be built upon a spiritual basis. The structure of government, of education, art, music, literature, religion. Man's own health will rest upon a spiritual basis.

Where Divine Man Dwells

The healing of the sick will not be an attempt to minimize the result of error and foolishness, but will be spiritual healing, whereby the soul will not be forgotten; and then in turn, through the healing of the aura which surrounds the physical body, the physical body will be healed.

More than this, the divine intuition within men and women will be brought into manifestation, which intuition will enable man's earthly mind to understand that laws of health must be observed.

Beloved brethren, this physical body is the Temple of the Most High, for within the inner sanctuary, within the Holy of Holies, dwells the Divine Man. Therefore, it is the work of the White Brotherhood to cleanse and purify the body. The Brother recognizes that coarse living and coarse feeding coarsens the very structure of the aura and body.

Don't Become Ascetic

How then, can the Divine Spirit or the Master function through a body clogged with unsuitable food, or deadened by narcotics and drugs; when it is unable to breathe not only the fresh air, but all the vibrations of the higher ethers about us?

So one of the first rules of the Brother is to eat pure food, and not only this, but to eat with thankfulness to the Creator.

We are always telling our Brothers not to become ascetic—to be natural, to eat in plenty of the beautiful fruits of the earth, and green vegetables and whole wheat, and all the natural foods in which the body delights, and will enjoy: these foods will purify and cleanse the physical body and the aura, and raise man's consciousness to behold the beauties of the universe.

Comfort the Mourners

The White Brother lives not for himself. The White Brother strives, however meekly and humbly, to think of others. Selfwill, the ego which would assert itself and overrule its brother, has to be subdued.

Until subdued, men and women cannot enter into the kingdom of heaven. This is indeed a practical religion which the White Lodge above endeavors to introduce.

The third rule of the White Brotherhood is that the Brother lives to comfort those who mourn, and give sympathy and understanding to those in sorrow, even if it be seen that the suffering has been brought by foolishness and ignorance. It is not the work of the Brother to criticize his fellow, but to help him pick up his burden.

Cause of Suffering

He may say, "*My brother, there is a reason for your suffering—all suffering is the result of the law of cause and effect. But we will not dwell upon this, but give you all the help we can.*"

The Brother would serve mankind in a practical way, give help of a practical nature, and, if necessary, of a financial nature, at all times. He would understand sorrow, the great darkness and loneliness of bereavement, and endeavor to teach the suffering one that by prayer and purification, and by attunement to the spheres of truth and light, communion can be held with the beloved.

We not only seek to contact those beyond the grave who may dwell in bondage, in spheres of mist and darkness, but would hold communion with the teachers and illumined ones of the Land of Light.

Needs of Humanity

We tell you again, that the illumined souls of man are drawing closer, are helping humanity to clear away the mists of materialism and folly, to live harmoniously one with another, and to establish peace on earth and a true brotherhood — not only brotherhood with those we like and who are congenial, but world-wide brotherhood.

The White Brother will not tolerate the sufferings of his lowly brethren; he will not be content to see his fellow man materially exploited and outraged; he will work to better the conditions of all men throughout the world.

Sharing as he does in a true Brotherhood of the Spirit, recognizing the needs of all humanity, he so orders his life and hinders not the progress of his brother man.

And now we pass to the second part of our address, dealing with the Work of the Masters. *Who are these beings? Where do they dwell? Are they human? Are they divine? What is their work? From whence do they come and whither do they go?*

Engrossed in Earthliness

Since the world began, there have been teachers of humanity; in previous world cycles, however, these teachers have been in closer contact with humanity, that is, more in physical contact, than appears to be the case at present.

Later, during certain astrological ages, the teachers withdrew to behind the veil. Humanity had become so materially minded, so engrossed in earthliness, the conditions on the earthplane too violent, too discordant, too inharmonious for the Masters to dwell longer with humanity.

Power to Project Thought

But the Masters dwell afar, on an etheric plane of life, the vibrations of which are much finer than the material vibrations. Nevertheless, these illumined Ones are sending forth inspiration and guidance to humanity.

They desire to teach humanity at the present time, that one of the most powerful factors in the spiritual evolution of man is the power to *project thought.*

How is this thought power used in the inner groups of the Brotherhood? The brethren, being duly prepared, meet in groups—as they met of old in the days of Egypt—to work with *thought power* . . . a power cleansed of selfish motive.

Overcome Desire

The Brotherhood sends forth such thought power, so concentrated and directed that it will impinge upon human receiving stations—remember the mind of man is receptive to thought of all kinds.

The Brotherhood has demonstrated that thought is the *most potent force.* And the Masters also use this concentrated thought power to purify and to inspire humanity.

Our greater Brethren from afar teach Brethren on earth to guard their thoughts, and to use thought for *constructive*, not destructive purposes. They say, "*Be kindly, be positive, be brotherly and true in thought. Your world needs it.*

"*Overcome the desire to spread around you destructive disintegrating thought, for it is not of heaven, for God-thought is creative and is healing.*"

FAMOUS SINGER

Psychic Observer

GERALDINE FARRAR, "Fairhaven," Ridgefield, Connecticut. In her autobiography, she relates having been in direct communication with her deceased mother. These contacts were made in a perfectly natural way.

Those familiar with the modus operandi and terminology of psychic science, would class her explanation as "inspirational writing."

Owing to the pressure of war work, Miss Farrar sidetracked an interview previously arranged with the editor of this journal.

Ancient Wisdom

Some people do not recognize the guidance of these elder Brethren Whom we call "*Masters.*" Some are confused between the teachers of ages past, and the Christ.

We have been taught in our schools of wisdom that the Masters and Teachers of past ages have also been channels through whom the Christ poured His illumination.

They taught the Ancient Wisdom in the East and in the West, and in the long past — the North and in the South of the earth—were illumined by the supreme Light of the World.

The time approaches when these Masters will dwell amongst men, to help humanity in this New Age of Aquarius upon which we are now entering—the age of Brotherhood.

The Water Pot

The Masters will teach the Ancient Wisdom, and bring again peace on earth. You are now seeing the birth pangs, a breaking up of old conditions, out-worn creeds and dogmas, forms of life—all must go, even the forms of government and religion. All is pass-

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Myers Does It Again!

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rather than prepare such a room on the rostrum in the auditorium, Mrs. Riffle's seance room was used.

He Did Not Touch!

Then *Myers, Dr. Chesrow, Rev. Hammett* and I went to this room in Mrs. Riffle's cottage, where the box was opened by the committee. *John Myers never once touched the box!* The package was opened and the several packets of plates were unsealed. All three of us initialed three plates which were chosen at random from the package.

Dr. Chesrow and *Rev. Hammett* inserted the plates in the sheaths and kept the plates in their possession. *I repeat, John Myers did not touch the plates!*

Then the package of sensitized papers were opened by Rev. Hammett. We initialed and numbered these papers from one (1) to twenty-four (24). *Again I repeat, John Myers did not touch these papers!*

Plates Held In Air

Rev. Hammett, carrying the plates and papers, led the way and the committee returned to the auditorium. *John Myers at no time had the plates or paper in his possession!*

A young lady from the audience was selected to count out 24 people in the auditorium. These persons were instructed to remember their number so that if and when skotographs appeared on the sensitized papers they would know which one was theirs; each of these 24 persons were given a number to coincide with the numbers on the papers which had been initialed and numbered by the committee.

The camera was on the rostrum, in full view of the audience. *Dr. Chesrow* loaded the camera with one of the glass photographic plates, *Rev. Hammett* and I held at arm's length, in midair, the other two plates.

Photographer Vouches

At this point, a prayer was given by *John Myers.* The organist played a hymn while the medium (Myers) was entranced by his principal spirit collaborator, *Black Foot,* an American Indian who, from spirit-side, handles this phase of Myers' mediumship. *Dr. Chesrow* was then directed by the entranced Myers to snap the camera which was directed toward the audience.

When Myers was finished with the demonstration, he remained in the auditorium to give a lantern lecture while the committee proceeded to the dark room in Mrs. Riffle's cottage to develop the plates.

At this moment, we were joined by a professional photographer, a "*Mr. Onsell*" from Louisville, Kentucky, two women and one child. In the excitement I failed to obtain the address and full name of the professional photographer who witnessed the development of the plates. If and when this gentleman, (Mr. Onsell or Mr. Unsell) reads this report, I will appreciate him sending his name and address which I shall publish later.

. . . Then Extras Appear!

Mr. Chamberlain, who accompanied Myers to Chesterfield, had several receptacles placed upon a table under the red light. The bottles of developing fluid were examined by the gentlemen of the committee.

Dr. Chesrow and *Rev. Hammett* then produced the plates and papers which they had carried from the auditorium to the Riffle cottage. The development then proceeded.

I do not recall ever having had such an unusual emotion than when I saw various spirit extras and symbols appear on those plates and sensitized papers. When the skotographs were sufficiently dry to handle, we returned to the auditorium to render our report of the results.

Only Actual Facts

Myers then gave brief clairvoyant readings by describing some of the symbols on the papers. He did not touch or see them. The people who had been given the symbols on the papers. He did not touch or see them. The people who had been given the numbers came forward to give their names and addresses as their numbers were called. This was done so that each person could receive their proper skotagraph when they were developed and finished.

I've endeavored to report actual facts and have in no way embellished, added to or taken from the actual demonstration. There has always been great controversy on the subject of spirit photography. Most of the criticism coming from those who have never viewed this sort of supernormal phenomena.

Reputable Citizens

I do not profess to know how the spirit operators do this work, nor does anyone else, but what I do Know is that, in no way, are human agencies involved. Furthermore, I KNOW that John Myers never touched the papers or plates. He did not develop the pictures, nor was he present when it was done.

The men who are reputable citizens, with some experience in amateur photography, assisted with the development. A professional photographer also witnessed the developing. None of these gentlemen had an ax to grind and there would be no point in their attesting to something that they themselves were not in absolute accord.

Respect the Truth!

Experience has taught me that most complaints, regarding demonstrations of this type, come from would-be investigators, pseudo psychic researchers and uninformed newspaper editors and reporters who set themselves up as "judge and jury" of something they have never seen.

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By RAY LE STRANGE

There's a good reason for Bing Crosby's tremendous popularity as a crooner. Science has discovered that his voice, filmed in sound and color by a new device, has a healing and soothing effect on soldiers suffering from battle fatigue.

"Bing Crosby's the best blankety-blank doctor in the whole armed forces. Boy! What he's doing for us, no other doctor could do." It was a wounded marine speaking on a recent radio broadcast.

New Kind of Film

There are no sharp knives or evil-tasting pink pills in Doctor Crosby's kit. Neither does he prescribe castor oil or any of the popular brands of vitamins or sulfa drugs. What is it then that Bing dispenses to these boys suffering from battle nerves and shock?

Bing and *Cecil Stoke,* inventor of a device called *Auroratone,* or *Music in Color,* are making a new kind of sound film which is being shown to patients in military hospitals everywhere.

Voice Can Be Seen

Crooners have come and crooners have gone, but Bing's popularity as a star has increased with the passing of time. Recordings of his voice with *Auroratone* are offering an entirely new reason why. It turns out that Bing's voice has some kind of a quality that is actually healing. When it is projected on the screen synchronized with the color tapestries of this new invention, patients seem to be lifted right up off the earth into a special little heaven of relaxation and peace. They both see and hear Bing's voice.

SPIRITUALLY INCLINED

Psychic Observer

BING CROSBY, whose voice was heard via AURORATONE at Chesterfield Spiritualist Camp, Chesterfield, Indiana, last August. He sang "Home On the Range." While his voice was being recorded, colors moving in perfect rhythm, were seen on the screen. Flashed as a preface, was a particularly spiritual statement of endorsement by GENERAL DOUGLAS McARTHUR.

Music Photographed

Auroratone is not canned color, nor is it animation. In fact, it is not man-made. Everything in the universe has its own color and tone just as every human voice has its own individual vibration. To quote *Mr. Stokes*: "*Auroratone is painting with music. We transform music into color, then photograph it on movie-length film. To do this we bombard highly-sensitized color plates with sound waves stepped up to radio frequency. The waves produce their own pictures on the plates.*"

Perfect Synchronization

The colors on the screen are kaleidoscopic and bizarre, like whirling, gyrating patterns. Forms come and go, unfolding on the screen like the petals of a flower.

The color comes from the color spectrum. The patterns are there all the time, but invisible to the human eye. *Auroratone,* synchronized with music, brings this color into vivid visibility.

This is the brand of wartime therapy *Bing Crosby* and *Mr. Stokes* are creating to soothe and heal the sickened minds and hearts of wounded servicemen. But like penicillin and other healing potents, there just isn't enough to go around.

Air Force Hospital

Music in Color is not a commercial product and the Auroratone Foundation is literally being bombarded with requests. From the Army Air Forces Base Hospital at Santa Ana, Calif., comes this request:

"*There was an immediate response bringing long sustained mental improvement to our patients. The popularity of Bing Crosby, always tremendous, seems obviously enhanced by means of the strangely stirring Auroratone patterns which accompany Bing's voice. Bing's voice is immortalized in our opinion.*"

From the Air Forces Hospital, Deming, New Mexico:

"*Our work here tends to create great tension and strain, therefor you can imagine our pleasure at the relaxation afforded by these films. The boys began to feel at*

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INVENTOR AIDS MANKIND

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CECIL STOKES, 8840 Melrose Ave., Hollywood (46), California; inventor of Auroratone, "Music in Color." One of the first public releases of this unusual and intriguing innovation was given to PSYCHIC OBSERVER by Mr. Stokes personally as he thought the nature of the invention should have first recognition among those interested in its spiritual significance.

The Auroratone film was loaned to Juliette Ewing Pressing and shown at several centers where gatherings were sponsored by Spiritualists and Psychic Societies.

The story as to how Mr. Stokes was inspired prior to the completion of his invention has already been told in this journal. An actual reproduction (11 in. x 14 in.) of the "Musical Painting" of the Lord's Prayer as sung by John Charles Thomas can be obtained by writing to Mr. Stokes for particulars.

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"Glacier Priest"

The films are now produced by the Auroratone Foundation of Hollywood, a non-profit organization of inventor Stokes and his associates, who include Mary Pickford and Fr. Bernard Hubbard, the "Glacier Priest." The Foundation has released over a dozen films; hundreds of prints have been sent free of charge to hospitals here and abroad for the entertainment and relaxation of servicemen.

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Brown Landone

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when I felt you near.

"I've not felt that with others. Our minister has written several times of his prayers for me, but I've never sensed his presence; and not even my own mother's presence; yet certainly her love for me and my love for her, are greater than our friendship.

"You were ACTUALLY with me the night I left France; I am quite positive I saw you. And for hours before, it was wonderful to feel you so near *that* day, and every moment *THAT NIGHT, as I was fighting thirteen days ago!"*

How Do YOU Pray?

Again I was wondering—had he been badly shell shocked — his statements did not hold together—he said that *he HAD been back home for thirteen days; and yet he now said that he had been fighting IN France thirteen nights ago!*

"You know," he added, "many times, when I saw you in Ireland or England or France, *you WERE real!* I did not understand that then, but now I do—for since I left France, it's easy for me to be present anywhere! *But I don't know HOW you do it by PRAYER.* That's the reason, I'm asking how you pray; I want to know how to help others to pray in that way—so that they and those they love, can be as conscious of one another, as I was of you."

There's a "Tuning-in"

"Well, Gord," I answered, "it is a little difficult to tell you in words, for after all I conceive prayer to be a deep feeling; and I've never prayed *for* you, but always *with* you, as though we were praying together.

"There's something which I call, *SPIRITUAL RESPONSIVENESS!* I try to feel that you are *with* me; that nothing separates us; that spirit knows no space. I sort of make myself spiritually responsive to spirit—knowing that *we* are ever present one to another.

"Then there's tuning-in: I never think words when praying with you, but just feel the immensity of my soul and of your soul in continuous contact. And it's not thought, but an intense desire for good for you."

"A Guy Named Joe"

Then we talked of other things, and still later we were discussing the movie—*A Guy Named Joe*—and Gord said he had *not* seen it.

Then he rose suddenly, and said, *"I'll go see it NOW!"*

That *did* startle me; unconsciously my eye looked at the clock. It was 4:20 in the morning! He must have been shell shocked—for he was insisting that he was going out to see a movie at 4:30 in the morning!

"But sit down, Gord," I said, "Stay a little longer—there're no movies open at this hour down here in Florida."

Quickly and positively he said, *"I'll find it; it's playing somewhere."* And he started around the desk toward me, to say goodbye.

Then he said, "This has been a wonderful hour, BL—one of the most wonderful hours I've ever known — because *you accept me just as I am*—without any surprise or fear! Mother's indifferent when I come near her. She *cannot* see me! But this has been wonderful, because you *can* see me, so clearly face to face, and I can actually talk with you; and we can even be and act natural again."

He Could Go ANYWHERE

Sensing our visit was coming to a close, I stood up and presently started toward the *south* end of my study—that is, toward the door that leads to the end of the hall toward the street!

But he turned, and walked toward the north end of my study—to the door that opens into the end of the hall that leads out to the porch toward the lake!

I asked, "But why go out the lake door, you'll have to walk all the way around the house in the dark."

"Yes, I know; but I'll go by the lake!"

"Did you come by boat?"

"NO, but I'll get ACROSS alright—don't worry—I can go ANYWHERE now!"

I Become Puzzled

After a farewell greeting, he waved as he walked out on the lawn—*"I'll be seeing you — yes, soon!"*

I turned, came back into my study. It had been a joy to see Gord again—so well and so vital! But my thoughts seemed divided: (1) first thinking of what he'd said—I'll get across the lake alright—I can go anywhere now; and (2) thinking — it's 4:30, I must get a little sleep; and then (3) thinking of Gord again—*why had he come to the lake door? Why did he come AROUND the house? Since he had no boat, why didn't he leave by the door toward the street? Where had he gone to?*

Killed In Action!

I hurried to the front winodws; no sign of Gord; I went to the other end of my study, looked out toward the lake—no sign of him! I was *not* worried, but just puzzled—as though I knew I were stupid, and ought to understand something which I knew but had not yet thought of.

I went to bed; slept about three and a half hours. Then at my desk again; mail was brought in, and with it a collection of newspaper clippings, sent me weekly from a bureau in Florida that clips items of Florida news for me.

And among these there was one clipping that told of Gord's parents receiving a message from the War Department stating that Gordon Morton Brown HAD BEEN KILLED in action in France, July 28th!

I Begin To Understand

Then instantly I realized the truth, and knew why I had felt so stupid! *Gord had been killed in action on July 28th, just THIRTEEN DAYS BEFORE he called on me at* 3:30 *o'clock in the morning!*

So now I understood his statements that he had felt me close to him when fighting in France thirteen days ago; that he had left France thirteen days ago; that he had been back home thirteen days; that he had come home directly from the battlefield; and that he had come to see me as soon as he had *"straightened out"* some things.

REMEMBER . . . "THE LILLIES" OF LILY DALE?

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MRS. R. S. and JACK LILLIE, two outstanding Spiritualists of the 1900's. Mrs. Lillie was a lecturer, author and mental medium. "Jack" was chairman during the summer months at Lily Dale Assembly ("The City of Light") where the above picture was taken.

In those days, water lilies on Cassadaga Lakes were plentiful . . . great quantities constantly being showered upon this charming couple.

What I DO Think

Some of you who read this will understand; others may doubt. But anyway, only one of two conditions can be true: (1) either I was completely insane that early morning of August 11 and have been insane at four different times since then when he has come again; or else (2) I was sane and am still sane!

I do *not* think that Gord "appeared" to me in what is generally termed a vision; but I *do* think he came to visit me, just as normally as he had done many times when he was a high school student in a town only a few miles away, and had driven over late evenings.

Bing Crosby

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ease as soon as the Bing Crosby films appeared on the screen. Auroratone creates pleasing and welcome rhythms for the eye which seem to satisfy and correspond to the moods."

An excerpt from a telegram received from the Rehabilitation Section of AAF Regional Hospital, Coral Gables, Florida:

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One Kind of Energy

Too often we make mysteries out of that which is perfectly normal!

Being conscious of Gord visiting me is just as normal as hearing music from across the room and knowing that I hear it! When I hear music, my consciousness recognizes something that exists in energy form only.

When a friend plays my piano at the other end of my study, *there is NO physical chunk of anything that moves across the room to me to make me recognize it.*

Hearing music is recognition of one kind of energy—of vibrations which we know as tones and the harmony of tones. We experience that so often, that it is normal to us, and we do not make a mystery of it.

NOT a Mystery

The same thing is true of all recognition of all impressions that come to our senses. *As soon as we get used to them, they are no longer mysterious!*

Why should *I* be mystified, that Gord should come home to his country in a second of time after being killed on the battlefield of France? There are energies that come to us from stars billions of miles away. They come to us with a speed that is terrific—at least 17,160,000 *miles each minute;* and France is less than 3,000 miles away! You yourself are conscious of them — you actually receive them, every time you *see* a star.

Think of music again. Last night a group of friends were here. One is a young pianist. I sat twenty-five feet away from the piano, while she was playing. Most certainly I could hear the music. But *how* could I hear that music?

Soul Must Respond

First, because *my ear was responsive enough* to hear the tonal vibrations that came to me through the air; and second because *my soul was responsive enough* to be conscious of the relation of the tones and their accord, and the beauty of their harmony.

Hearing such music is perfectly normal, divinely normal; and yet it is all vibration—spirit in movement; there's not one physical thing that makes me conscious of hearing and recognizing music!

We are oftentimes silly. We know that striking a key on the piano merely taps a piece of wood covered with celluloid; that its hammer hits a wire inside the piano; that the wire vibrates; and that in sympathy a wooden sounding board vibrates — all *inside* the piano!

What We Discuss

Certainly the key of wood and the wire and the wooden sounding board do *not* "come across the room" to my ear! Yet *since my ear is responsive to sound, I do RECOGNIZE* the tones and *their overtones; and since my soul IS responsive, I RECOGNIZE and even feel the beauty of the harmony deep within my soul!*

When then can I not be spiritually responsive enough to recognize the soul of another, and *feel* the joy of its presence? It is no more mysterious than recognizing tones of music, and feeling the joy awakened in me by hearing the music.

I continue this in other articles, to tell you some of the things Gord and I have discussed—the work he is doing now, and other things of his life.

Normal Happenings

But before I close this article, I want again to emphasize four facts:

(1) *Gord is continuing his life in advanced phases of his own line of work*—making a special study of a new phenomenon of radar just lately discovered.

(2) He is continuing his life *normally* — without any interruption at all—yet expanding with increasing joy and calmness and peace, with greater activity than before July 28th.

(3) The appearance of his body —actually a body of spiritual energy—gives no evidences of any strain or fatigue; it is youthful, with the freshness of the flesh of spirit.

(4) His presence is so very *normal,* that even I did not realize he had passed on when he first visited me; so normal that my little dog greeted him just as joyously as at other times before he went to war.

True Spiritualism

Two last thoughts: This is an experience of *spirit responsiveness*—of the spirit of my soul responding to the spirit of another soul, and recognizing it just as normally as my soul responds to and recognizes the essence of music I hear.

We have need of such responsiveness in these tragic times of war.

This is not an example of anything that approaches misrepresented spiritualism; it is an example of *true Spiritualism*—spirit responding to spirit!

True Spiritualism is as different from the falsities of mistaken misunderstandings of spiritualism, as a beautiful symphony of music is different from the clanging noises you hear in the street.

True Spiritualism is recognition of the music—that is, the harmony —of the continued existence of the soul; and its evidence is like the melody played by a talented musician; it is *not* the discordant jangle such as is produced by a child, when he slams his hand or arm down on the keys of the piano.

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Trivialities

ERNEST W. OATEN

How much depends on apparent trifles! *James Watt*, watching a boiling kettle saw the lid rising up and down. But he not only saw and heard—he did some thinking and today you may travel from London to Aberdeen in a comfortable day as a consequence.

Galvani, experimenting on a bench, noticed the movement of a dead frog's leg. *How trivial!*

Yet because he followed up this trivialty I can sit at home and listen to guns roaring in Normandy or an orchestral concert in New York.

The whole modern science of electricity developed from the "trifling" observations of a scientist who *thought*, as well as observed. There is no fact which is trivial if it is possible to deduce the operation of a law behind it.

A spirit message may be a trifling thing: but it often proves the identity and continued activity of a man who is supposedly dead.

How Do YOU Answer

When I am asked "*Is there anything in Spiritualism?*" I reply, "There is the whole of the next world in it, it is the open door leading from a restricted physical prison house into a universe of light, life, and motion."

Perfection is a desirable ideal. It is only obtained by careful attention to trifles, but is itself no trifle. It may well be that compared with what it will subsequently lead to, all that we know of Spiritualism today is mere superficialty. Revelation and knowledge are progressive.

We Spiritualists have already established a fragmentary contact with the world unseen. We have at least demonstrated the existence of such a world, and I am confident that this is only the beginning.

Our Cosmic Neighbors

When *Columbus* discovered America what was the use of it? A stretch of sandy beach, a few trees and a crowd of untutored savages. Its only value seemed to be that it gave a supply of fresh water—a comparative trifle.

Today we know the value of America. But for her aid our larder would be like Mother Hubbard's cupboard and our liberty would be in danger.

I am confident that our present knowledge of psychical phenomena and spiritual state is but the prelude to a fuller understanding of universal possibilities.

The Spiritualism of today no more represents the fulness of knowledge than the tuning up of the orchestra represents a symphony concert.

In the higher reaches of the spiritual world there are many planes of progressive life, containing sentient beings who rise in a panoply of progressive glory sphere beyond sphere.

Generally speaking we contact those who are nearest to us—our cosmic neighbors — but no limit can be set to our range of communication when we have mastered basic principles.

In its inception broadcasting had a limited range—today it is worldwide.

Yours Is Herteradox

There is a regrettable tendency amongst Spiritualists to become limited and insular; to regard our particular convictions as definite and determined, and to frown upon other avenues of occult research.

There is a tendency to become as narrow and as orthodox as the most restricted of Christian sects, whose attitude is "*my doxy is orthodox, yours is heteradox.*"

It was such an attitude adopted by priests in the second and third centuries which excluded spirit communion from the early church and substituted priestcraft for spirit communion.

Let it be remembered that Spiritualism has not only established the fact of a spirit world, but has also revealed incarnate man as the possessor of unsuspected faculties which range beyond the limits of the five senses.

Be Tolerant!

This in its turn is as strong an argument for human survival as any other, since it is by these faculties that the spiritual world is apprehended.

There are a dozen theories, from reincarnation to forecasting the future, which appeal to certain sections of our movement whilst failing to appeal to us all.

To postulate this or that as orthodox or unorthodox is mere trifling. Predilections and preference mean little or nothing. The only questions which matter are "*Is it true?*" "*Is it good?*"

We know so little that we need to be tolerant. We do not yet know enough to be able to abolish war, poverty, crimes and other evils. Everything worth knowing has yet to be discovered.

I want a Spiritualism which is broad enough and sufficiently elastic to discover and include truth in all its many facets.

If They Are Facts

Let us realize that Spiritualism is not an abode or rest, but a pilgrimage. It is not yet a final conclusion but a search, and the open mind—the tolerant attitude, may mean lack of unity and crystallization now, but at any rate it avoids the greatest error today which will constitute a prison-house for our successors.

Let the shortsighted and materially-minded scoff if they will at the alleged trivialty of certain happenings and results of research, but men of vision will be moved by considerations of where such facts—if they are facts—may ultimately lead.

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Do you remember the Master Jesus telling His disciples to follow the Man carrying the Water Pot? The symbol of the Age of Aquarius is the man who carries upon his shoulder the water of the spirit.

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In conclusion, let us explain that your Master can dwell within your own being; your Master can be that higher self, which when encouraged to grow, will assert dominion and control over your lower self.

What Lies Before

That Master, you can call your "*conscience*" if you like, the higher aspect of your own creation; and receive from him the blessing of enlightenment. This is what lies before you.

My beloved, understand that the Teachers and Masters behind humanity desire to help you to realize your true mission in life, so that you may be a channel, so that you may live to give service, not for your own reward, but because you love your brother, and would help him.

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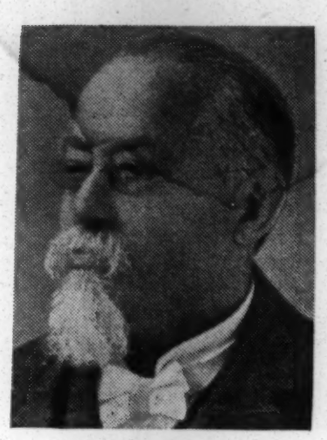

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Fed-Up?

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is not a fact, is simply to argue his own ignorance.

Article No. 6

"WE BELIEVE THAT THE HIGHEST MORALITY IS CONTAINED IN THE GOLDEN RULE. WHATSOEVER YE WOULD THAT MEN SHOULD DO UNTO YOU, DO YE ALSO UNTO THEM."

We accept Jesus as one of the greatest of the World Teachers. Furthermore, the Golden Rule works. Wherever it has been applied it has brought peace, harmony and happiness.

Article No. 7

"WE AFFIRM THE MORAL RESPONSIBILITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL, AND THAT HE MAKES HIS OWN HAPPINESS OR UNHAPPINESS, AS HE OBEYS OR DISOBEYS NATURE'S PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL LAWS."

Man is governed by law, and if he knows and obeys the law he wins for himself freedom from want and pain and all other limitations. The infringement of law brings its corresponding unhappiness.

There is no escape from this. One has only to check back through his own experience to discover that all his misfortunes have been in the final analysis the result of his own ignorance, or willful disregard of laws, which if correctly applied would have brought about opposite results.

No Vicarious Atonement

We are creatures of free-will. Not blind pawns of Fate. We have the right to choose, but once having made a choice, we must accept the inevitable consequences of our choosing.

Every cause has an adequate effect. Once set a Cause in motion and you must be prepared for whatever happens. "*Whatsoever a man sows, that shall he also reap,*" is a just and inviolate law which works inexorably and impersonally.

Vicarious atonement has no place in the thinking of those who live in a universe which is the manifestation of *Infinite Intelligence*, as it had no place in the thinking of Jesus. Each man must carry his own burden up Calvary's height.

"WE AFFIRM THAT THE DOORWAY TO REFORMATION IS NEVER CLOSED TO ANY HUMAN SOUL, HERE OR HEREAFTER."

In other words, we do not believe that the law of evolution governs the physical, or material world alone. There is a spiritual evolution which goes on after the physical vehicles have reached the ultimate of their usefulness. Most of us were brought up under the gloomy teachings of the Evangelical churches.

Jesus Knew

We were taught that at the moment of death our destiny was fixed. We went to a heaven of eternal bliss, or a hell of eternal torment. Those who speak from personal experience tell us differently.

Those who have lived selfishly and developed a rotten character do not escape the penalty of their wrong doing. The fires of remorse burn more fiercely than any literal hell-fire.

But under the guidance of more highly evolved spirits the most unregenerate of men may see the light and find within themselves the urge to purification. Survival is a law of nature, and has nothing to do with character.

Jesus recognized this fact when he spent the three days intervening between his death on the cross and his resurrection, preaching to the souls in hell. Why preach Truth if there is no chance of helping those in torment?

Keen Parallel

The Catholic church has always been true to the simple teachings of Jesus in that it has known and taught the value of prayers for the dead, and the efficacy of votive offerings to the saints in behalf of loved ones in Purgatory.

Since that which survives is consciousness, a part of the Infinite, it is inevitable that somehow the part shall find itself again united with its source.

The story is told of a distinguished American scholar who, while on a walking trip through Switzerland, came late one day to a crossroad. Lost and confused he called to a shepherd lad in a nearby meadow, "*Son, where is Kandersteg?*" The boy replied, "*Sir, I have never been to Kandersteg, but there is the road to it.*"

So to all the sorrowing, confused men and women who have lost their spiritual moorings and are tired and "*fed up*" we say, "*We have never been there, but those who have gone have given us this map, follow it and we believe you will find the Kandersteg of your soul's deepest aspirations.*"

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Over Twenty Mediums Hold Special Seance Under Test Conditions At Recent Spiritualist Episcopal Convention, Columbus, Ohio

NINE PHASES OF PHYSICAL MEDIUMSHIP DEMONSTRATED IN RED LIGHT

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ELEVEN NOTED MEDIUMS TAKE PART IN SEASON'S OUTSTANDING GROUP SEANCE

Attendance for Conference Estimated at 2000.

By Psychic Observer Reporter

The mammoth seance presented at the Spiritualist Episcopal Church Fourth Annual Conference proved to be a sensation among Columbus, Ohio, Spiritualists. The church at 6th and State Streets was packed to capacity.

Every session of the Conference, held September 15, 16 and 17, was well attended, and leaders of the Church expressed the opinion that a great deal of business for the good of Spiritualism was transacted.

The Friday night meeting was the largest of the Conference, and provided those who attended it with something to talk about for a long time. Nine phases of mediumship were demonstrated by eleven mediums.

Spirit Card Writing

The meeting began with the crystalization of flowers by *Anna Bryson*, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Next, *Robert G. Chaney*, Eaton Rapids, Michigan, gave a public demonstration of psychic photography, developing twenty-four sheets of sensitive paper on the platform before the entire audience. The sheets had been marked for identification by twenty-four members of the audience selected at random. All received their sheet back after the demonstration, and all but seven or eight had pictures on them.

Fred L. Felix, Ft. Wayne, Indiana, then gave a demonstration of spirit card writing. The sealed cards were opened on the platform by a committee and were never in Felix's hands. Around 45 cards with messages on them were received and identified by members of the audience.

APPORT MEDIUM

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REV. JOHN BUNKER, Eaton Rapids, Michigan; lecturer, teacher, mental and physical medium; associated with The Spiritualist Episcopal Church and minister of their local headquarters at Eaton Rapids.

Trumpet-in-the-light

Rev. Clifford L. Bias, St. Petersburg, Florida, who acted as chairman of the meeting, then placed tape securely over his mouth, in full light, several voices were heard and identified through his trumpet in the light mediumship.

Following this, *Nellie Curry*, Chesterfield, Indiana, gave a demonstration of clairvoyance that for test messages could hardly be surpassed. Mrs. Curry gave at least 15 messages in rapid-fire fashion, calling nearly 125 names, all of which were accepted by members of the audience.

Mable Riffle, Anderson, Indiana, and *Robert G. Chaney* then served as mediums for a dark trumpet demonstration. From an adjoining room a public address system had been set up, and over this system the voice of *Dr. Henry Williams* called the names of over 100 people in the congregation. Dr. Williams is the spirit collaborator of Mrs. Riffle.

Apports In Red Light

Then *Tiawa*, a little Indian girl guide of Mr. Chaney's trumpet work, sang her original song, and his spirit philosopher *Dr. Zeller* rendered a short discourse.

The blindfold billet workers were the next to take the platform. *Dr. Meurice Russell*, Kansas City, Missouri, and *James Thompson*, Ft. Wayne, Indiana, both read billets, answered questions, and called spirit names at the same time.

Then, *John W. Bunker*, Eaton Rapids, Michigan, demonstrated *apport mediumship in red light*, the first time this has ever been done. In full view of the audience about 15 apports were received.

Materialization On Platform

The meeting was closed with a demonstration of materialization by *Lula Taber*, Chesterfield, Indiana. A committee of ladies accompanied Mrs. Taber into the cabinet erected on the platform of the church and conducted a thorough examination of the cabinet and the medium. After a song many forms appeared and were recognized by members of the congregation who came forward to the cabinet.

During the entire meeting the church was never in entire darkness. Even when the red light was used for the photography, apport, and materialization demonstrations it was almost overcome by the light from outside that streamed through the stained glass windows of the huge church. Because of this it can be said that every demonstration was conducted *under test conditions* as every move of every medium taking part could be easily seen throughout the meeting.

Post-War Adjustment

Rev. Charles Ball, Kansas City, Missouri; *Rev. Genevra Peet*, Ithaca, Michigan; *Rev. Clifford L. Bias*, St. Petersburg, Florida; and *C. G. Chaney*, Xenia, Ohio, conducted special meetings during the Conference sessions.

Lecturers at the church meetings were *Rev. Jack Barry*, Flint, Michigan, *Rev. Robert G. Chaney*, and *Rev. John W. Bunker*.

Message Bearers were *Rev. Nellie Curry; Rev. Fred L. Felix; Rev. Ruth L. Walling*, Eaton Rapids, Michigan; *Dr. Meurice Russell; Rev. Bertha R. Marx*, Springfield, Ohio; *Rev. Mable Riffle*; and *Rev. Clifford L. Bias*.

Board of Clergy

The theme of the Conference was *Post-War Adjustment*, and all the meetings and church services followed this theme, showing how Spiritualists could aid, and were necessary to post-war adjustment

The Conference decided that the first action along this line would be to prepare special tracts and educational literature to be placed in the hands of men and women in the service. Other plans were devised for the promoting of Spiritualism in general.

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REV. ROBERT G. CHANEY, minister of the Spiritualist Episcopal Church, Lansing, Michigan. He is a spirit photographer and possesses a phase of mediumship known as "trumpet-in-the-red-light" . . . witnessed by the editors of Psychic Observer at Chesterfield Spiritualist Camp last summer.

Elections to the Board of Clergy were: Presiding Clergyman, term unexpired; Appellate Clergyman, *Rev. Robert G. Chaney*, three-year term; Associate Clergymen, *Rev. Ruth L. Walling*, *Rev. Fred L. Felix*, *Rev. Bertha R. Marx*, *Dr. Meurice Russell*, and *Rev. Clifford L. Bias;* Mental Medium, *Rev. Jack Barry;* Physical Medium, *Rev. Lula Taber;* Divine Healers, *Ella J. Riley*, Owosso, Michigan; *Joseph J. Kreizinger*, Detroit, Michigan; and *Clida Oliver*, Huntington, W. Va.

Next Conference Cincinnati

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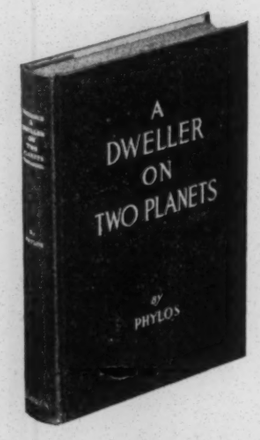

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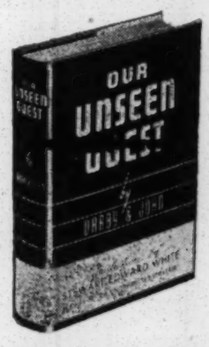

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The picture above, loaned to Psychic Observer by Miss Amelia Coleman, was taken on or about 50 years ago. It shows a delegation of "Old-time" Spiritualists, assembled on the front steps of The Plymouth Spiritualist Church, Troup and Plymouth St., Rochester, N. Y.

Today, services are under the leadership of REV. ROBERT MACDONALD, who has been pastor for the past seven years.

How many of these Spiritualists can YOU recognize? How many can you identify by name? These questions brought these answers from Arthur Myers and Nell Kenerson, both residents of Lily Dale for many years. DELL HERRICK, right center second row with black four-in-hand tie and white vest; B. F. AUSTEN, center holding high silk hat; MARGARET GAULE, standing left center dressed in black with large black plumed hat; FLO COTTRELL, front row sitting with black skirt, white blouse and white hat with black band perched on her head; TILLIE U. REYNOLDS, back row right center with black hat and white flower on the right; MRS. RATHBURN below Tillie Reynolds and just above Dell Herrick; Others in picture not certain of recognition are: ADELINE COOPER, 4th from left sitting; "DADDY" RHOADES, Elmira, N. Y., 3rd from left—he gave grounds to Freeville Spiritualist Camp; HIRAM SAVAGE, former President of New York State Spiritualist Association, second from left (Savage was Flo Cottrell's uncle).

W. W. KELSEY, ELLA REED, MRS DUELL, EDDY—the astrologer, MRS. JEWELL, DORA FISKE, HARVEY RICHARDSON and FRANK WALKER are others whose identification is not positive.

Send names and data of those you recognize to Psychic Observer, Lily Dale, N. Y. Be sure and mark their location. When all have been identified, this picture will be published again.

The Unlearned Lesson

WE CANNOT STOP WARS in the future
. . . unless . . .
We learn to combat MATERIALISM

Religion failed to avert this crisis because the world refuses to acknowledge the facts proving that all souls actually live after so-called death.

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Historians of the future will, we can be assured, agree on the cause of the present war. The worship of materialism looms so large as the standard of measurement of success, as the principal aim in human endeavor, as to leave no doubt that it, and it alone, will be adjudged responsible for bringing disaster to millions.

Unfortunately the lesson, of "a burned child dreads the fire," does not seem to keep other children away from the flames, even when the burned child exhibits its scars in warning.

How About the Future?

Someone asked a saddened German professor, after the last war, what hope there was for the future. He made this prediction, "*Unless we combat materialism by proving by demonstrable facts that the soul persists beyond death, and unless we prove that our conduct in this world determines our welfare in the next, NOTHING CAN STOP WARS IN THE FUTURE.*"

But it now looks as if virtually all our elaborate post-war planning is based solely upon economic factors. Search as we may, we can find that no provision is being made for an alteration in the human concepts which were so obviously responsible for the present cruel struggle.

How, then, about the future? Shall we now go on in the old way; shall we take up once again the same tools, the same evil-wreaking methods which have proven so futile, so incompetent in the past?

"*Ah, but religion still exists to lead the people aright!*" some zealot will protest. Would that we could agree with our pious friend.

Why Did Religion Fail?

Religion? Yes, if it was only religion in its highest sense; if so-called Christians only lived up to the real definition of a Christian—*to be Christ-like.*

Let us search our hearts, let us search history, let us face this logically, reasonably, honestly. *Why did Christianity, or religion, fail us in this world crisis?*

All those who read their Bibles with understanding are driven to the inescapable conviction that potent good and evil entities affect humanity; that evil powers are rampant, as well as are the ministrations of guardian angels.

One of these tells that our life here must be a preparation for another, far more enduring life, after physical death. The other persuades us that our present, material well-being is the only thing worth while.

Why can't we, as we stand beside the casket at a funeral, see all too plainly that when the end comes, our text-books on economy and finance are valueless here; that the cultivation of intellect, all our skills, are as ashes about our funeral pyres. None of these has given us light on the path of destiny.

Babson Aroused

And yet how is this light to be imparted? Once it is conceded that preparation for a life beyond is important, we are then faced with finding means to install this precept, throughout the world. It is not enough to recognize this urgent need, duty prompts us to act upon it.

How can our leaders in thought and statecraft be awakened, diverted from their concern in material matters to consider the greater importance of spiritual aims, the ultimate destiny of humanity? That some, at least, have been aroused, is evident from the statement of *Roger W. Babson*, who has had his discerning hand on the pulse of American business and economics for many years. As he viewed the wreckage of war, and a vast rehabilitation program in the making, he said, "*I believe the greatest of all post-war needs is a spiritual awakening.*"

A civilization which has derived no lesson from the recurring social disturbances and wars of the past; which discovers no higher aspirations than cultural pursuits or worldly, material prosperity, now seems about to resume its old trends.

Why Be Complacent?

Can we doubt, as we remember the fate of *Tyre* and *Carthage*, of *Rome*, that new furies will be unleashed ere long, as we continue our worship of materialism?

The already advancing tide is unheeded, for the aftermath of our present war reveals no peaceful solution of the maladroit conditions, or correction of the agencies, which created it. Instead, we perceive the sowing of a crop of bitterness and reprisals, world wide, which will surely, unless circumvented, bring about another cruel harvest.

Shall we, then, complacently, resignedly, fold our arms and await another war—or solemnly dedicate ourselves over the graves of our soldier-dead to seek a new path?

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